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**Dear Ms. Hesse,**

As one of the younger members of the North Carolina General Assembly, I have a strong interest in how government interacts with technology so that we as legislators may make the best use of our technological resources for the benefit of our citizens, especially our young people.

It is for this reason, that I have supported for many years, the concept that we must promote the use of technology, it is important that we do not interfere with it at any level of government, state or federal. That is why since 1999, I have been greatly troubled by the federal government's attempt to bring about harsh penalties against Microsoft in what I consider an unwarranted antitrust case.

There is certainly no one -- even the legal team on the other side -- who could make the claim that Microsoft has done any harm to even one single consumer. In addition, without consumer harm, is there really a reason to bring an antitrust case? There is not in my judgment.

However, in order to bring the federal lawsuit to an end as well as North Carolina's state litigation, please let Judge Kollar-Kotelly that I strongly support the settlement, and I hope this entire process will move along quickly. That way Microsoft

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can get back to the business of innovation and coming out with new products – at which they are excellent Also, government attorneys can get back to more worthy cases.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell I. Setzer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mitchell Setzer  
State Representative

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